

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members
Park and Recreation Commission Members
FROM: Bill Waller, City Administrator
DATE: March 26, 2025
RE: Meeting Minutes
March 18, 2025

The La Crescent Park and Recreation Commission met at 5:30 p.m., on Tuesday, March 18, 2025, in the Wieser Park Pavilion at Wieser Park. The following members were present: Maseray Bangura, Marge Loch-Wouters, Sarah Wetterlin, Diana Adamski and Paul McLellan. Commission members Patti Martell and Jon Steffes were not in attendance. Also in attendance were Teresa O'Donnell-Ebner, Chris Fortsch, Jason Ludwigson, Alyssa Sebo, and Bill Waller.

1. It was the consensus of the Commission to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2024 Park and Recreation Commission meeting as presented.
2. Alyssa Sebo, the City's new Summer Recreation Director was in attendance at the meeting and was introduced to the members of the Park & Recreation Commission.
3. Jason Ludwigson, the City's Sustainability Coordinator was in attendance at the meeting and reviewed the following community improvement projects with the Commission:
 - a. Information was presented at the meeting regarding alternatives for new park signs. The City has received a SHIP grant through Houston County for a portion of the costs associated with the project. An alternative was selected and pricing information and color alternatives will be presented at the next Commission meeting.
 - b. Information was presented regarding the Outdoor Recreation Grant application to be submitted for improvements at Wieser Park that include new playground equipment, 3 new pickleball courts, bicycle parking facilities, and a walking trail around the perimeter of the park.
 - c. An update was presented on the Forest Restoration Project at Stoney Point, and it was the consensus of the Commission to submit in 2025 another Conservation Protection Legacy Grant for a second project at the Stoney Point property.
4. The Commission was provided with an update on the repairs authorized at the Wieser Park pavilion, resulting from the impact of a vehicle hitting the structure.
5. The Commission reviewed information on the usage of the pavilion at Wieser Park, along with the new fee schedule that was implemented in 2025.

6. The Commission discussed a proposed project to enclose one side of the existing park shelter at Old Hickory Park. It was the consensus of the Commission to recommend to the City Council that the City proceed with preparing preliminary cost estimates and a design alternative for the upgrade to the facility. As part of the project, the Commission is recommending that the existing parking lot be paved and that an additional sidewalk be installed to the shelter.
7. The Commission reviewed the cost estimate for a visual/digital counter for the bicycle/pedestrian bridge. It was the consensus of the Commission that the cost was too high and that the project would not be pursued as a City improvement project.
8. Marge Loch-Wouters reviewed the 2024 summary of activity for the Natural Resource Advisory Group.
9. Teresa O'Donnell-Ebner reviewed the sign project that the Lion's Club has completed at Eagles Bluff Park.
10. It was agreed that the next Park & Recreation Commission meeting would be May 19th, 2025.
11. There being nothing further to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:51 pm.